

2014

# M I C H I G A N WATERFOWL RESERVED HUNT APPLICATION DIGEST

Application Period: August 1-28

## ***Important***

- Hunts available have increased at Fish Point and Shiawassee River, and decreased at Shiawassee NWR.
- Refer to the 2014-2015 Waterfowl Digest, available in early September, for season dates and non-reserved youth hunting opportunities on managed waterfowl areas.
- Hunting conditions may vary (e.g., water levels, crop conditions), and hunters are encouraged to call area headquarters for the most up-to-date conditions.
- Managed waterfowl hunt areas enforce special rules (e.g., shell limits, shot sizes, use of spinning-wing decoys). Consult area maps or contact area headquarters for information.
- An area permit (daily or annual) is no longer required at managed waterfowl areas.

**Drawing results posted Sept. 17**

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## 2014 Hunt Information

Hunters selected in the waterfowl reserved hunt drawing may harvest any waterfowl species with an open season during their reserved hunt.

## Application Information

- You may apply for the license drawing at a license agent, DNR Customer Service Center, or online at [www.mdnr-elicense.com](http://www.mdnr-elicense.com). It costs \$5 to apply.
- You will need one of the following forms of customer identification:
  - Valid Michigan driver's license
  - State of Michigan ID card (issued by the Secretary of State)
  - DNR Sportcard (issued through license agents or at [www.mdnr-elicense.com](http://www.mdnr-elicense.com)).
- NEW!** As of March 1, 2014 a base license is required for every resident and nonresident who hunts in Michigan. Hunters may purchase their waterfowl license only after they have obtained a base license for the year. An application may be purchased prior to obtaining a base license.
- You are responsible for submitting a valid application and obtaining a DNR application receipt that states your customer ID and hunt choice. Do not accept a receipt that is not legible. Check this receipt for accuracy and retain as proof that you applied. Ensure any application errors are corrected prior to the application deadline. Applicants who submit an invalid application will be ineligible for the drawing.
- For application assistance, call (517) 284-WILD (9453).
- You are responsible for obtaining your drawing results online.

**Drawings results will be posted at**  
[www.michigan.gov/hunt/drawings](http://www.michigan.gov/hunt/drawings)  
**on Sept. 17.**

## 2014 Waterfowl Reserved Hunt Choices

Location <sup>a</sup>	Hunt Date <sup>b</sup>	Hunt Hours	Hunts Available	Hunt No. <sup>c</sup>
<b>Harsens Island</b>	Opening Day	A.M.	45	0001
	Opening Day	P.M. Youth <sup>d</sup>	45	0002
	Second Day	A.M.	45	0003
	Second Day	P.M.	45	0004
<b>Shiawassee NWR (Fed.) Goose</b>	Opening Day	A.M.	7	0005
	Second Day	A.M.	7	0006
<b>Shiawassee River State Game Area (SGA)</b>	Opening Day	A.M.	35	0007
	Opening Day	P.M. Youth <sup>d</sup>	35	0008
	Second Day	A.M.	35	0009
	Second Day	P.M.	35	0010
<b>Fish Point</b>	Opening Day	A.M.	50	0011
	Opening Day	P.M. Youth <sup>d</sup>	50	0012
	Second Day	A.M.	50	0013
	Second Day	P.M.	50	0014

<sup>a</sup> Successful applicants for Harsens Island, Shiawassee River SGA and Fish Point must be accompanied by one to three appropriately licensed hunters. Maximum party size is four hunters, but no more than two adults per party during youth hunts. Maximum party for Shiawassee NWR (Federal) Goose Area is four persons.

<sup>b</sup> See the 2014-2015 Waterfowl Digest (available early September) for final dates. No changes or cash refunds are permitted.

<sup>c</sup> Number of hunts in 2014 is subject to change.

<sup>d</sup> Rules for reserved P.M. youth hunts: Anyone may apply. Maximum party size is four hunters with no more than two adults per party. On the day of the hunt, the hunting parties must have at least one licensed youth 16 years of age or younger. A parent or legal guardian shall not allow a youth hunter 10 to 16 years of age to participate unless accompanied by a licensed adult meeting all other reserved hunt requirements. Youth hunters under 10 must be accompanied by a qualified Mentored Youth Hunting Program mentor.

## Successful Applicants

Age	9 and younger	10-15	16 +
<b>Must Possess:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mentored Youth license</li> <li>Migratory Bird Youth</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Base license</li> <li>Migratory Bird Youth</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Base license</li> <li>Waterfowl hunting license</li> <li>Federal migratory bird hunting stamp</li> </ul>
	Those hunting Shiawassee NWR: \$4 daily fee (annual permit not available)		

To avoid delays at check stations, hunters are urged to purchase all permits and licenses in advance of their reserved hunt at any license agent or online.

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## For More Information Contact:

- Harsens Island: (810) 748-9504
- Fish Point: (989) 674-2511
- Shiawassee River SGA: (989) 865-6211
- Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge (Fed.): (989) 777-5930

## Youth Hunts

Youth Waterfowl Hunting Weekend will be Sept. 13-14, 2014 statewide for properly licensed youth 15 years of age and younger. Youth 10-15 years of age must have a base license and be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or someone 18 years of age or older designated by the parent or guardian. Youth who are hunting with an apprentice base license must be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older who possesses a non-apprentice base license and waterfowl license. Youth under 10 years of age must also be accompanied by an adult at least 21 years of age, and the youth and adult must meet all provisions of the Mentored Youth Hunting Program. Ducks, mergansers, geese, coots, and moorhens may be harvested; accompanying adults are not permitted to harvest these species during the hunt. The daily limits and species restrictions are the same as those allowed in the regular waterfowl hunting season. See the current-year *Waterfowl Digest*. For details and dates for non-reserved youth hunting opportunities on managed waterfowl areas, see the current year *Waterfowl Digest* or visit [www.michigan.gov/waterfowl](http://www.michigan.gov/waterfowl).



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Eligible states are those that have passed laws preventing the use of hunting license fees for any purpose other than managing the state's wildlife. The federal excise tax, along with hunter license fees, are used to acquire lands; protect, restore and manage wildlife habitats; manage wildlife populations; conduct wildlife research and surveys; provide hunter access; and develop, operate and maintain facilities and infrastructure necessary to manage wildlife resources. Additionally, a specific portion of the federal excise tax is dedicated for hunter education, and for developing and managing shooting ranges. Since its inception in 1937, Michigan's share of the Wildlife Restoration Funds has reached over \$275 million.



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